

Co-operative Federation of Victoria Ltd  
Minutes of Board Meeting  
10:30 am, 25 February 2004  
Urban Camp Melbourne Co-operative Ltd  
Brens Drive, Parkville

**PRESENT**

Tony O'Shea, N. Black. David Dinning, Graeme Charles and David Griffiths

**Minutes of the previous meeting**

That the minutes of the meeting of 19 June 2003 be approved as a true and accurate record and be signed by the Chairman.

M: N. Black S: T.Oshea CARRIED

**Co-option of Graeme Charles**

That Graeme Charles is co-opted to the board for the meeting.

M: N. Black S: David Dinning CARRIED

**Chairman's Report**

The Chairman reported that due to other circumstances he had been unable

**australia.coop**

The board noted the continued success of australia.coop and the work of the Secretary was praised but questions were asked about what exactly was being achieved and how this related to CFV's objectives.

The Secretary suggested that australia.coop was central to CFV's objectives - significantly contributing to co-operative advocacy and education. He said the issue was to build-on the success of australia.coop

**australia.coop stats 18 October 2003 – 31 January 2004 (106 days):**

Visitors	12,044
Average visitors per day	113
Visit more than once	1068
Visitors who bookmarked site	281
Total hits	46,756
Total page views	22,920
Total data transfer	1.75 GB
Coop referring urls	91 CFWA
	59 ACCORD
	30 UNIWISC
	18 ICA
	11 COPDEVELOP

**Top Group Files x number of hits**

Co-operative Governance	2244
Co-operative Case Studies	1288
National Co-op Update	1062
Co-operative History	1053

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Co-operative history	1237
Race Mathews papers	963
Co-operative formation	780
Credit unions	625
Co-operative Power	619

**Top individual files x number of hits**

Co-opAdvantage Director Kit	404
Looting Mutuals (Race Mathews)	348
Why do co-operatives fail as co-operatives	336
Top_2003	334
The Formation Decision	300
Dictionary	294
Governance	283
Co-op Start Up Manual	248
IAS	267
CUNM (Race Mathews)	224
Deans Governance	213
Cs Cooperative Purchasing	185
What is a co-operative feasibility study?	170
Mark Latham	170
Cs NETC	163

**AGM**

That the following delegates be approved:

Mr Kevin Walsh, YCW Co-operative Society Ltd

Mr. Graeme Charles, North East Telecommunications Co-operative Ltd

Mr. Patrick Davis, Waverley Trading Co-operative Limited

M: G. Charles S: N. Black CARRIED

**Budget 2003-04**

That the 2003-4 budget be adopted as amended.

M: David Dinning S: Graeme Charles CARRIED

The amended budget is attached.

**Budget 2004-05**

That consideration of the 2004-05 budget be deferred.

**CBAV Funding**

**Co-operative Governance**

That the draft booklet be approved without prejudice.

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M: David Dinning S: N. Black CARRIED

**Co-operative Manual – 2<sup>nd</sup> edition**

That the 2<sup>nd</sup> Edition of the Co-op Dictionary be approved for publication.

M: David Dinning S: N. Black

**Co-operative Education**

Graeme Charles reported on his discussions with Innoven and it was agreed not to pursue this matter any further as Innoven was no longer as supportive of the concept, had reservations about the market and the availability of a Farmbus subsidy was uncertain.

That CFV concentrate its efforts on linking with the UK Co-operative College, that the issue be raised with the CFNSW and the NZCA for possible partnership and that australia.coop promote a future workshop to test interest. M: David Dinning S: Graeme Charles CARRIED

It was noted that Graeme Charles, Tony O'Shea and David Griffiths would consult on the nature of the promotion. It was also noted that Graeme Charles would follow up CFNSW, NZCA and the Co-operative College.

**Deferred Items**

It was agreed that the following items would be deferred until the next meeting:

Draft Taxation Ruling TR2003/D13 and email from Tim Bunning of 30 January 2004 –  
Ruling mailed on 12 February 2004  
Our Energy – report by Graeme Charles enclosed: Retailer Inertia With Respect Rural  
Aggregation – the Our Energy Experience  
Correspondence  
Garry Lewis Book brochure  
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**Mr John Luckman**

That this meeting expresses its regret at the passing of John Luckman and affirms to formally write to his family and the YCW Co-operative Society Ltd in appreciation of his contribution and commitment to the co-operative movement. M: David Dinning S: N. Black CARRIED

**Future Consultation**

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It was agreed that there was a need to consult on the future of the Federation - to address the question of whether the co-operative movement placed sufficient value on the need for a Federation e.g. your attitude to the Federation, what do you expect of it and what did you expect. He said the board would be organizing two or three semi-formal meetings to discuss these issues and invite member, and non-member co-operatives to these meetings.

It was agreed that the agenda and format would be discussed at the next meeting.

Next Meeting: 10:30 am, 18 March 2004

David Griffiths  
Secretary  
26 February 2004